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Sir:

Applicants note that a continuation application of the above-identified application is being filed on even date herewith to continue prosecution, with the present application being permitted to go abandoned in favor of the continuation application. Moreover, the continuation application includes the claims that are pending in the present application.

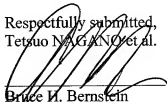
Applicants hereby state that the continuation application is being filed without expressing any agreement or acquiescence with any objection and/or rejection of record. Applicants expressly preserve the right to present arguments against any objection and/or rejection set forth in the Office Action mailed December 4, 2006, if any such objection and/or rejection is made in the continuation application.

A request to extend the period for response from March 5, 2007 (March 4, 2007 being a Sunday) to June 4, 2007 is being concurrently filed herewith accompanied by the government extension of time fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office or the extension fee is deficient, this should be

considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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